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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Executive Director  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210

Re: Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Its Rate  
Schedules and Increase Rates  
Docket No. 2019-290-WS

Dear Ms. Boyd:

This firm represents Blue Granite Water Company ("Blue Granite") in the referenced proceeding. I am writing about item 3 on the Commission's Utilities Agenda for the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2020. The agenda indicates that the Commission will act on "Blue Granite Water Company's Proposed Notice to Customers." We believe that it is premature for the Commission to take action to approve any notice to customers relating to the result of this rate case.

By Order No. 2020-260, the Commission accepted Blue Granite's proposal to delay implementation of the new rates resulting from this proceeding to September 1, 2020. The delay in implementing new rates eliminates any urgency in sending notice to customers of the new rate schedule that will result from this proceeding. In fact, we believe that it would reduce potential customer confusion and save customers money if notice was provided as a billing insert starting September 1<sup>st</sup> when bills are sent out that show the effect of the new rates.

The Commission issued its directive ruling on the Blue Granite application on March 25, 2020. The final order is due on or before April 9, 2020 with petitions for rehearing/reconsideration due within 20 days of that order. Because the Commission has not issued its final order and because the Commission will be considering petitions for reconsideration after the order is issued, it is possible that the determinations reflected in the March 25 directive will be changed or adjusted in the next few weeks.



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We respectfully request that the Commission carry over this agenda item at the meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> and align approval of the proposed notice with the implementation date of September 1, 2020, as we believe that it will be more orderly and less confusing to consider notice closer in time to implementation of the new rates.

Thank you for considering our views.

Yours truly,

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